

YOUR PROBLEMS

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'Readers Request Equal Time . . .'

Dear Readers: Recently a disenchanted husband who signed himself "Just A Boob" asked me to print his letter as a warning to other young fellows.

His wife's family lived like pigs, he said. They never sat at a table for meals—just walked around eating out of cartons and tin cans. Nothing in the house was ever repaired. The furniture was falling apart and the cracks in the walls and ceilings were a disgrace.

In closing he expressed the conviction that girls imitate their mothers and he suggested that a young man look at his fiancée's surroundings as a preview of what HIS home will be like.

Since then, I've received a deluge of angry mail. The following writer requested "equal time" and I am delighted to give it.

Dear Ann: The letter from "Just A Boob" caused me great anxiety and opened up old wounds.

You see, Ann, I was brought up in much the same environment he described. When I visited the homes of friends I noticed the difference between their orderly well-kept room and our miserable dump. By the time I was 13 I was so ashamed of the way we lived I wouldn't invite anyone over.

When I began to date I always tried to be picked up at a girl friend's house. When it couldn't be arranged, I'd meet the fellow at the front door and whisk him away before he could see the dilapidated furniture and the ragged, filthy curtains.

Today I'm married to a wonderful man. We have three children and a beautiful home. It's as different from my mother's house as sterling silver is from chrome.

I agree, Ann, environment is important, but people can and DO rise above it. And those who do, deserve credit. —MARY

Dear Ann: I'm glad I didn't see "Boob's" letter five years ago. It might have influenced me and I might have passed up a wonder-ful girl.

The house he described sounded exactly like the one my wife came from. But I had faith in her. I knew she hated her environment and I knew, too, that when she got out of those terrible surroundings she'd do just the opposite.

My faith paid off. My wife is everything her mother isn't. Our home is lovely. The meals are tasty and beautifully served. It isn't true that every girl turns out to be just like the girl who married dear old father-in-law.

—LUCKY PIERRE

Dear Ann: I'm a "Boob," too, but a different kind.

My wife came from the most immaculate home in town. He mother used to empty the ash tray before I finished the cigarette. Their house wasn't merely clean, it was positively sterile.

My wife and her mother never got along. Her mother was a driven perfectionist whose emphasis was on all the wrong things. My wife swore she'd be different.

Well, she is. Our home is unbelievable — no meals, no clean laundry, beds never made, just a plain mess.

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Entertains

The St. Patrick theme, carried out in green and white, was used by Mrs. Alan S. Moore when she entertained her club at a bridge luncheon Monday at her home, 1741 Elm Ave.

At the close of the bridge games following the luncheon, Mrs. James Harmon held high score.

Mrs. Moore's guests were Mmes. Elizabeth Davies, James Harmon, G. W. Johnson, Don P. LeGalley, H. J. Osborne, Don Wolf and Hazel Ward.

Mrs. Le Galley will be the club's next hostess on April 2.



NEW B&PW OFFICERS . . . Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club installed its new officers at a dinner meeting at a local restaurant Monday evening. Endowed with their new duties of office were, from left, Mmes. John Snow, president; Russell Clawson, first vice president; Albert Johns,

second vice president; Duke Goodwin, recording secretary; Opal Weise, treasurer; Albert Reinman, corresponding secretary, and Henry Burke, auditor. Leona Wilson, president of Sierra Mar district, conducted the installation.

District President Here

B&PW Club Installs Officers

Mrs. John Snow was installed as president of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club at a dinner meeting at the Pen and Quill Restaurant on Monday evening, March 19. Leona Wilson, president of the Sierra Mar District, conducted the installation.

Mrs. Snow, originally from Assonett, Mass., has lived in California for the past 10 years. She is an executive secretary to the technical director of the Harvey Aluminum Co., where she has been employed for the past eight years.

The new president is the mother of Mrs. True Johnson of Anaheim and Mrs. Daniel Lehuta of Torrance. She also has four grandchildren.

Installed with Mrs. Snow to direct the activities of the local B&PW club during the coming year were Mrs. Russell Clawson, first vice president; Mrs. Albert Johnson, second vice president; Mrs. Duke Goodwin, recording secretary; Mrs. Albert Reinman, corresponding secretary; Mrs.

Opal Weise, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Burke, auditor.

Mrs. Dorthie Kirkpatrick, retiring president, was presented with her junior past president's pin.

Mrs. Wilson announced plans for the Sierra Mar District conference which will be held at the Huntington Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena on April 13-14.

The Torrance club will be represented by Mary Snow, Dorthie Kirkpatrick, Lucille Lewellen, Pearl Good, Flora Hammetman, and Maxine Hahn.

Chairmen for the installation dinner were Helen Scott and Wanda Martin.

The new president held her first board meeting at her home Tuesday evening.



LINDA KIDNER
... Accepts Ring

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Kidner, 23709 Cypress Ave., Torrance are this morning announcing the engagement of their daughter, Linda Lea, to Douglas Allen Friend, son of Mrs. Marion Edmunds, 1301 Cordary, Torrance.

The bride-elect is a 1961 graduate of Torrance High school and is presently employed by the South Bay Publishing Co.

Her fiancé, a 1961 graduate of Narbonne High school, is a student at the School of X-Ray Technology at Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital.

The couple plan to be married early next year.

Madrecitas Will Fete Husbands

"King for a Night" will be the tenth man to arrive at Las Madrecitas' annual party honoring the members' husbands. After a fanciful coronation ceremony, the king and his entire royal court will enjoy cocktails, dinner, and dancing beside a romantically lighted pool.

The party is planned for Saturday, April 7, at Marine Terrace in Palos Verdes. Co-chairmen for the event are Mmes. Harold D. Leslie, Jr., and Ernest Dahlman, Jr.

As an Auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild, Las Madrecitas is dedicated to raising funds for the Pediatric Ward of the Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

Mr. Mrs. Richard Drew Now At Home in Pasadena

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was the setting for the 11 o'clock wedding ceremony on Saturday, March 17, uniting Miss Patricia Ann Achenbach and Richard Harold Drew. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Bergman, 1017 Patronella Ave., are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Drew, Junction City, Ore., who came here for the wedding.

As the guests assembled Mrs. Al Anderson, at the organ, played a medley of nuptial music and accompanied Miss Charlotte Percy who sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Mr. Bergman escorted the bride to the altar. She wore a floor length white taffeta gown fashioned with a round neckline in the front dipping to a V at the back. Her three-quarter length sleeves were ornamented with tiny bows and the full skirt fell in soft pleats from the waistline. Her fingertip veil was secured by a pearl tiara and the bride carried white roses and hyacinths.

Miss Ann Ashley was the maid of honor. She wore an emerald green sheath with a bouffant overskirt and carried an arm bouquet of white iris.

Porter Dean Gerber performed the duties of best man and ushers were Howard William Achenbach and Lawrence Shampine.

The Rev. Hugh Percy, pastor, officiated at the vow exchange.

A reception followed at the church. The wedding cake was made by the bride's godmother, Mrs. William Bird. Mrs. Adam Krauszer served coffee.

The couple left for a week's honeymoon and are now at home in Pasadena.

The bride was graduated from Torrance High School in 1959. She attended El Camino College.

The bridegroom was grad-

Sun City Guests

Mr. and Mrs. George Louvier left Monday for their home in Sun City, Ariz., after spending five days here with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Louvier, 22606 Evalyn Ave.

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STUDY ARRANGEMENTS . . . In preparation for their Flower Festival on April 2 at the McIntyre home on Calle de Arboles, these members of Las Colinas Garden Club work on arrangements for the competition. They are from left, Mmes. C. W. Abramson, Frank Petersen and Max Melwing. The club will also have a children's section in the competition for the children of members and the scout troop sponsored by the club.

Las Colinas Annual Flower Show April 2

"La Fiesta de Flores" or "The Festival of the Flowers" will be staged by the Las Colinas Garden Club on April 2 at the home of Mrs. Matthew McIntyre, 4926 Calle de Arboles, in the Palos Verdes Riviera section of Torrance.

Judging the annual flower show will be Mrs. Sandy Vermand and Mrs. Richard Mabel. A first, second, and third ribbon in each category and a sweepstakes ribbon for the entire show will be awarded by the judges for the arrangements made by club members.

Mrs. H. A. Francis, program and arrangements chairman, will be assisted by Mmes. Sidney Greene, Owen O'Brien, Max Melwing, L. A. Abramson, Richard Diedrich and Sidney Hall.

Mrs. Ellen Hogan, social chairman, has chosen as hostesses Mmes. O. J. Vogl, president; Donald Doherty, Norman Schepler, Charles Taylor, Richard Forest, Marion Hamer and Lawrence Wilcox.

A children's category section will be included in the show for children of members and for the scout troop sponsored by the club.

Hours for the show are from 9 to 12 noon.

Bridge Party

Mrs. J. G. Louvier entertained her club last Wednesday evening at a dessert bridge at her home, 22606 Evalyn Ave.

In the games following dessert, high score was held by Mrs. Clifford Trezise and second by Mrs. Robert Davis.

Mrs. Louvier's guests were Mmes. Edwin Hatter, William Gardner, Frank Neff, Edward Aiken, Lee Clotworthy, Trezise and Hatter.

Mrs. Neff will be hostess to the club at its April party.

Annual Rummage

Sale April 6-7

Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will hold its annual rummage sale in the parish hall at 1432 Engracia Ave. on Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7. Hours on Friday are from 9 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 to 12 noon.

Anyone having rummage to donate is asked to deliver it to the parish hall prior to the sale.



DISTRICT HOSTESSES . . . Dianas were hostess to the Marina District Roundtable at their clubhouse in Redondo Monday evening. A nautical theme was used for the dinner meeting. Making final preparations for the event were, from left, Mmes. Charles Hillinger, Marina district president, junior membership; John Hansford, first vice president of the Dianas; Sheldon Goldenson, Diana membership chairman, and standing, Mrs. Robert Dreizler, dean of chairmen and parliamentarian. Annual reports were given.



MRS. RICHARD H. DREW
... Former Pat Achenbach
(Portrait by Seeman)